

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 23, 2007. Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 9, 11 – 14, 16 and 18 are pending and under consideration. Claim amendments are discussed in detail below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 14, 16 and 18, and for the indication that claims 11 – 13 would be allowance if rewritten in dependent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Amendment to the Figures

Applicant has amended Figure 11 to more clearly show the feature of the “insulating spacer 1100” removably placed between the insulating block 210 and a second adjacent insulating block 210. Specifically, reference numerals 210 are added to all of the insulating blocks shown in the figure which surround the insulating spacer 1100. Originally, only one insulating spacer was marked as 210. Further, FIG. 11 originally showed a downward arrow pointing at insulating spacer 1100 to indicate its removable nature. Applicant proposes amending FIG. 11 to change the downward arrow to a multi-directional arrow, that is having arrows at both ends as shown in the markup to FIG. 11, to better illustrate its removable nature. Applicant respectfully submits that this change is clearly supported by the specification, and that no new matter is added by this amendment. An informal corrected drawing sheet is enclosed herewith showing the proposed amendments in red. Also enclosed herewith is a formal drawing sheet labeled in the top margin as “Replacement Sheet.” Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner’s approval of this amendment to the figures.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to include the feature of Claim 6. Claim 6 is cancelled. Claims 7, 8, 9 and 12 are amended to change their dependency to recite Claim 1 instead of now cancelled Claim 6. Support for the amendments are found in the specification and original claims as filed. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicant has not dedicated or abandoned any unclaimed subject matter and moreover have not acquiesced to any rejections made by the Patent Office. Applicants reserve the right to pursue prosecution of any presently excluded claim embodiments in future continuation and/or divisional applications.

Claim Rejections

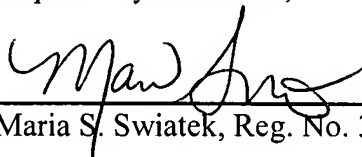
The Examiner rejects claims 1 – 4, and 6 – 9 as allegedly unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over *Nandu* in view of *Lecouras*. Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant believes that the prior claims are patentable over the cited references, however to expedite allowance of the application Applicant has amended the claims to conform to the subject matter indicated allowable by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 9, 11 – 14, 16, and 18 are in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore respectfully requested. If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. As this Response is timely filed, no fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Order No. 067538-5190-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 11

